GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:58
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COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF ACID ATTACKS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a Central Victim Compensation Fund for the victims of acid attacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sought any suggestions from the State Governments to prevent acid attacks; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Home Affairs has moved a proposal for creation of Central Victim Compensation Fund including compensation for the Victim of acid attacks.

(c) & (d): Several interactions were held with States/UTs to discuss various directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on W.P.(Crl) no. 129/2006; Laxmi vs UoI and other related matters. Accordingly an Advisory was issued to all the States/UTs titled 'Measures to be taken to prevent acid attacks on people and for treatment and rehabilitation of survivors' dated 30th August, 2013 with the objective to prepare Rules as per the provisions of the Poisons Act 1919 in accordance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's guidelines to check easy availability of acids and also rehabilitation of the victims. An affidavit has also been filed in the Supreme Court by most of the States/UTs. Many Advisories had been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the State/UT Governments to safeguard the interest of the Citizens and to protect them from various crimes and to efficiently handle the case in a time bound manner. All these Advisories are available in the website of the Ministry of Home Affairs. i.e. www.mha.nic.in.